



277 /  
#53  
4-401

NUTTER, McCLENNEN & FISH, LLP

ATTORNEYS AT LAW

ONE INTERNATIONAL PLACE  
BOSTON, MASSACHUSETTS 02110-2699

TELEPHONE: 617 439-2000 FACSIMILE: 617 973-9748

CAPE COD OFFICE  
HYANNIS, MASSACHUSETTS

DIRECT DIAL NUMBER  
(617) 439-2514  
DIRECT FAX NUMBER  
(617) 310-9514  
E-MAIL ADDRESS  
rm2@nutter.com

January 30, 2001

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, D.C. 20231

RECEIVED  
FEB 07 2001  
Technology Center 2100

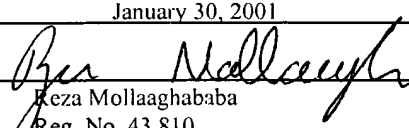
Re: U.S. Patent Application No: 09/637,800  
Filing Date: August 11, 2000  
Entitled: **PROCESSING NETWORK MANAGEMENT DATA IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH METADATA FILES**  
Applicants: Darryl Black and Anne K. Winiewicz  
Atty Docket No: 102689-45 (00-U0076)

Dear Sir:

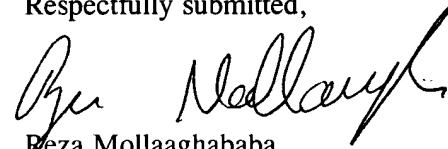
I enclose herewith for filing in the above-identified application the following:

1. Preliminary Amendment; and
2. Return Postcard.

Please charge any additional fee to our Deposit Account No. 141449.

|   |                  |
|---|------------------|
| <b><u>Certificate of First Class Mailing (37 CFR 1.8(a))</u></b>  |                  |
| I hereby certify that this correspondence is deposited with the United States Postal Service as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Assistant Commissioner of Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on: |                  |
| Date:   | January 30, 2001 |
|    |                  |
| Reza Mollaaghababa<br>Reg. No. 43,810   |                  |

Respectfully submitted,

  
Reza Mollaaghababa  
Reg. No. 43,810  
Nutter, McClennen & Fish, LLP  
One International Place  
Boston, MA 02110-2699

RM2/nab  
Enclosure  
950309.1



PATENT

IN THE UNITED STATES PATENT AND TRADEMARK OFFICE

Applicant(s): Darryl Black and Anne K. Winiewicz

Application No: 09/637,800

Filing Date: August 11, 2000

Entitled: **PROCESSING NETWORK  
MANAGEMENT DATA IN  
ACCORDANCE WITH METADATA  
FILES**

Atty. Docket No: 102689-45/00-U0076

Group Art Unit: 2771

Examiner: Not Yet Assigned

Certificate of Mailing (37 C.F.R. 1.8(a))

I hereby certify that this correspondence is being deposited with the United States Postal Service Post Office as first class mail in an envelope addressed to: Application Processing Division, Customer Correction Branch, Assistant Commissioner for Patents, Washington, DC 20231 on the date set forth below.

Jan. 30, 2001  
Date of Signature and Mail Deposit

By:

Reza Mollaaghababa, Reg. No. 43,810  
Attorney for Applicant(s)

PRELIMINARY AMENDMENT

Assistant Commissioner for Patents  
Washington, DC 20231

Dear Sir:

Prior to examining the above-referenced patent application, please amend the application as follows:

In Related Applications

Please amend the specification by inserting at page 1, subheading "Related Applications": This application is a continuation-in-part of application number

09/633,675 filed 08/07/00 which is a C-I-P of

09/625,101 filed 07/24/00 which is a C-I-P of

09/616,477 filed 07/14/00 which is a C-I-P of

RECEIVED

FEB 07 2001

Technology Center 2100

B1